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Korosten Army Barracks NNE AL-4, USSR (S)**

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## **SS-21 TACTICAL SSM BATTALION KOROSTEN ARMY BARRACKS NNE AL 4, USSR (S)**

1. (S/D) SS-21 tactical surface-to-surface missile (SSM) equipment in probable battalion configuration was newly identified in a tactical SSM training area at Korosten Army Barracks NNE AL-4 [ ] USSR, [ ] This battalion is probably subordinate to the 23rd Tank Division<sup>1</sup> headquartered at Ovruch Headquarters Tank Division/Army Barracks AL-1 [ ] It is not known at this time if the SS-21 equipment is replacing or augmenting the existing FROG equipment. Four SS-21 transporter-erector-launchers (TELs; Figure 2) and four SS-21 resupply vehicles (Figure 3) were observed. The vehicles were in an area containing three drive-through SSM firing positions. Additional equipment included three probable BMP M-1978 armored command vehicles, three BTR-60PU armored command vehicles, and 12 associated communications and support vehicles.

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2. (S/D) Korosten Army Barracks NNE AL-4 is a training area used primarily by the 23rd Tank Division<sup>1</sup> (an experimental tank division) in the Carpathian Military District. The presence of the SS-21 equipment in probable battalion strength at this training area suggests that the tactical SSM battalion for this division has been equipped with the SS-21 tactical SSM. The tactical SSM battalion is believed to be in garrison at Ovruch Headquarters Tank Division/Army Barracks AL-1, approximately 14 nautical miles north of the training area. Although no SS-21 equipment has been seen in the Ovruch Barracks, six SS-21 TELs/resupply vehicles were seen being offloaded at Ovruch Railroad Yard [ ]

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3. (S/D) The only other known deployment of the SS-21 tactical SSM was seen at Minsk Headquarters Motorized Division/Army Barracks AL-1/SA 6 Facility [ ] in the Belorussian Military District. The SS-21 tactical SSM was first deployed in April 1976. Because of the vehicle storage space available at Ovruch Headquarters Tank Division/Army Barracks AL-1, it is not clear whether the SS-21 battalion seen in the training area at Korosten has replaced the FROG battalion at Ovruch Headquarters Tank Division/Army Barracks AL-1 or has augmented the FROG battalion until final testing and familiarization of the SS-21 system is complete.

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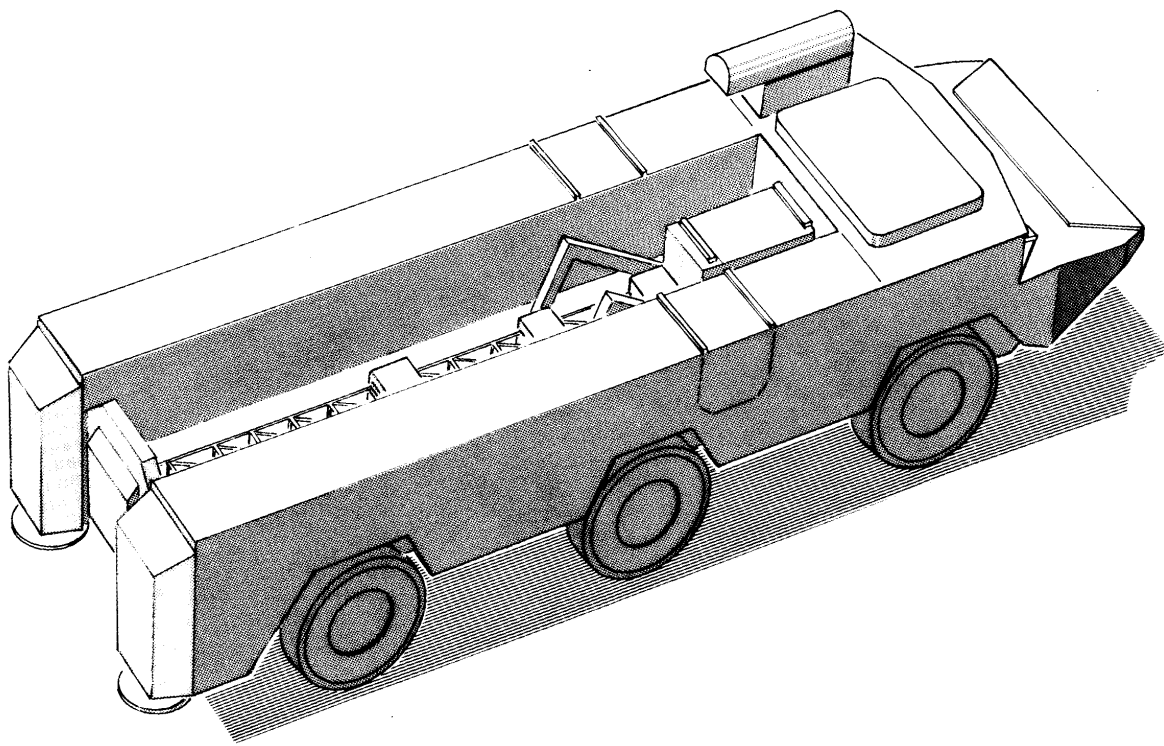
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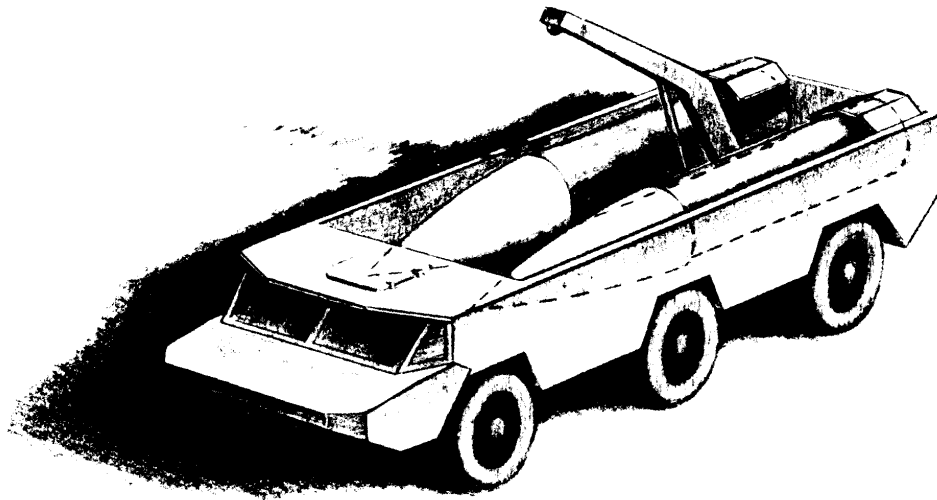
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FIGURE 2. CONCEPTUAL DRAWING OF SS-21 TEL

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FIGURE 3. CONCEPTUAL DRAWING OF SS-21 RESUPPLY VEHICLE

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